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BULLYING THE U.N. — If we go to war in Iraq without the support of the United Nations Security Council, "the United States would be in violation of the U.N. charter and its legal obligations," says Margaret Karns, political science professor at the University of Dayton and author of *The United Nations in the Post-Cold War Era* (1995, second edition 2000) and *The United States and Multilateral Institutions: Patterns of Instrumentality and Influence* (1990).

"There are multiple examples over the years of countries refusing to comply with security resolutions, but the consequences in the current situation are much more serious than any previous situation because the whole issue has been before the security council as the U.S. brought it there," she says. "If we go to war in the face of violating the U.N. resolution, it effectively says the U.S. doesn't value the opinion of the rest of the world, that we're only going to play the game if everyone supports us. It makes the U.S. look like it's trying to bully the other members to go along with this thinking — that it would be better to give us what we want than to proceed without security council support."

Karns' forthcoming textbook *Networks of International Organizations, Politics and Processes of Global Governance* will be published in 2004. She has also written numerous articles on U.N. peacekeeping, global governance and the future of the United Nations. Contact **Margaret Karns** at (937) 229-3538 or via e-mail at margaret.karns@notes.udayton.edu.

A VETERAN'S AMBIVALENCE — U.S. Army veteran Byron Price, assistant professor of political science at UD, trained troops and participated in the Gulf War. "I think we should have ended the job last time. I like to support our country and the people we elect, but I'm ambivalent toward this situation because I have friends and family associated with the military," he says. "People are worried that lives will be lost, but of course lives are going to be lost. Saddam released chemicals the last time and would do it again. But I'm not privy to all the information. I'm like a passenger on an airplane with my life in the pilot's hands. You just hope the pilot is making good decisions."

After graduating from college in 1988, Price served three years in the U.S. Army Field Artillery Branch. He served for 18 months as an executive officer for a basic training battery, then simultaneously served as a platoon leader and deputy commander for Alpha Battery 1st of the 78th field artillery — the largest self-propelled howitzer firing battery in the U.S. Army.

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NO JUSTIFICATION — Catholic tradition upholds the concept of "just war," a set of circumstances that must be met before combat is justified. "I cannot see how an invasion can be justified," says Terrence W. Tilley, professor of religious studies at the University of Dayton and

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author of *Inventing Catholic Tradition* (Orbis Books, 2000), which won the first place Catholic Press Association 2001 Book Award in theology. "It is clearly disproportionate in its response and hardly a last resort. That there could be a just cause, the protection of the innocent, is also truly dubious."

Tilley, who serves on the academic relations task force of the American Academy of Religion, has served as president of the College Theology Society, as a member of the board of directors of the Catholic Theological Society of America and has been co-convenor of the American Academy of Religion Group on Roman Catholic Studies. He's working on two book manuscripts, one on Christology tentatively titled *The Disciples' Jesus*, and one exploring the implications of the practice of the discipline of history for theology (and vice versa) for which he has received an NEH Fellowship for University teachers (2003-04). Tilley will edit the College Theology Society's 50th annual volume in 2004.

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PREVENTATIVE PROTESTING — Robert Brecha, UD associate professor of physics, has been keeping an eye on the anti-war protesting that has developed because he is opposed to a possible war in Iraq. "What I've found interesting about the anti-war movement, what seems to be happening on campus and in general, is that it has formed so quickly," he says. "At this stage in the 1960s, during the run-up to the war in Vietnam, there was very little anti-war sentiment. This one is forming before anything has happened. It's a preventative anti-war movement. And it's a varied group involved, not just your typical pacifists. Labor unions and leftist groups are involved, but so are business leaders, and all the major religions have come out urging the government to slow down if not stop altogether. The broad base of this movement is very important and different from what has happened in the past." Contact **Bob Brecha** at 937-229-2727 or via e-mail at robert.brecha@notes.udayton.edu.

FURTHER SUFFERING — "Almost any of the criteria traditionally associated with just-war doctrine would overturn the Bush administration's arguments for this new offensive against Iraq, or more precisely, Saddam Hussein," says Sandra Yocum Mize, associate professor of religious studies at UD who specializes in American Catholicism. "One need only consider the criteria of reasonable hope of success coupled with proportionality. Can we justify inflicting further sufferings on the Iraqi people in the hopes of toppling a regime that has proven enormously successful in ensuring its own survival no matter the cost to its citizens?" Contact **Sandra Yocum Mize** at (937) 229-4321 or via e-mail at sandra.yocum.mize@notes.udayton.edu.

POWER STATUS — "There is no just cause," says Joseph C. Kunkel, University of Dayton professor emeritus of philosophy who teaches ethics and modern war courses. "Iraq has done nothing to any other nation to warrant reprisals. Unlike 1990, Iraq has not invaded Kuwait. Nor have any Iraqis been involved in Sept. 11 activities. The argument about developing weapons of mass destruction is trumped up. No evidence supporting such an argument has been put forth by the present administration. There is no good intention or last resort. And proportionality and discrimination will also be violated as the war will come on top of an immoral 12-year run on economic sanctions that have killed hundreds of thousands of innocent Iraqi civilians. President George W. Bush is simply using his superpower status, not high morality in going after Iraq at this time." Contact **Joe Kunkel** at (937) 229-1471, at home at (937) 293-0222 or via e-mail at joseph.kunkel@notes.udayton.edu.

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